

AGENDA

CHARTER COMMISSION

April 10, 2013

**Commissioners Duval, Girard,
Martin, D'Allesandro, Lopez
Pappas, Clayton, Ashooh, Infantine**

6:00 p.m.

**Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

1. Chairman Duval calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. Consideration of proposed revisions to the charter.

TABLED ITEMS

(A motion is in order to remove any item from the table.)

4. Education Discussion
 - Timeline of the school budget
(Note: Communication from William Sanders, Finance Officer, is attached)
5. Proposed motions by commissioners:
 - Eliminate the tax cap, while maintaining the expenditure cap
(Commissioner Martin)
 - The restriction of using "one time funds" to balance an operating budget
(Commissioner Ashooh)
 - A person running for mayor needs to be a resident of the City for at least three years
(Commissioner Infantine)
6. If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.



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M E M O R A N D U M

Date: March 25, 2013
To: Honorable Charter Commission
From: William E. Sanders
RE: *Amendments Regarding Budget Timeline*

This letter serves to respond to your request for my comments regarding the proposed changes to the current budget timeline. I refer the Commission to my comments of February 6, 2013 regarding this matter. I have reviewed each proposal and my concern is applicable to both. I am uncomfortable with the application of accelerated arbitrary deadlines on the preparation and consideration of the City's annual budget. I believe the current deadlines of March 31st for the Mayor's proposed budget and the second Tuesday in June for the Board of Aldermen are reasonable. If the Mayor and/or the Board of Aldermen, after due and careful consideration, decide to propose and/or appropriate budgets before the prescribed dates, that is their prerogative. I do not see any advantage to advancing the current dates.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Sanders
Finance Officer